Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme

†*3. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to include some cities under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for small and medium towns for their beautification and renovation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allotted for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to set up Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) to provide reforms linked central assistance for development of urban infrastructure in all cities/towns, except the cities covered under proposed National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM). Details of the scheme have not yet been finalized.

Reduction of seats in Andhra Pradesh

*4. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the AICTE has reduced 1,220 MCA seats and about 4,000 Engineering seats in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the academic year from which the reduction would be operational?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) reduced a total number of 1370 seats in MCA institutions and 5042 seats in Engineering and Technology institutions in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2005-06. During the course of a single comprehensive inspection of institutions, a number of deficiencies including shortage of faculty were observed by the AICTE. For the year 2005-06, the Council decided to focus only on the most critical deficiency i.e. shortage of faculty.

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